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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PLAB, ILO  
SUBJ: ILO: DE ALWIS ATTACKS TRIPARTITISM

REF: A. GENEVA 9380, B. GENEVA 9573

1. SUMMARY: LATEST REMARKS OF SRI LANKA AMB  
DE ALWIS PLACE HIM SQUARELY IN PATH OF U.S. EFFORTS TO  
REVERSE THE EROSION OF TRIPARTITISM IN ILO. ACTION  
REQUESTED IN PARA FIVE BELOW. END SUMMARY.

2. ACCORDING TO RELIABLE ILO OFFICIAL CLOSE TO DG BLANCHARD,  
AMBASSADOR DE ALWIS, IN RECENT PRIVATE CONVERSATION, SAID  
THAT G77 MUST TAKE STEPS TO ASSURE THAT THEIR WORKER AND  
EMPLOYER REPS TAKE ORDERS FROM THEIR GOVERNMENTS. DE ALWIS  
SAID IF PRESENT WORKER AND EMPLOYER REPS DID NOT GO ALONG,  
G-77 GOVERNMENTS SHOULD REPLACE THEM.

3. DURING NOV SESSION OF ILO GOVERNING BODY, AFRICAN  
REGION MET IN TRIPARTITE CAUCUS. WE UNDERSTAND THE ONLY  
POINT THEY DISCUSSED WAS THE NEED FOR AN AFRICAN ASSISTANT  
DIRECTOR GENERAL.

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4. COMMENT: MANY GOVERNMENT REPS OF G-77 AGREE WITH DE ALWIS ON NEED TO CONTROL VOTES AND POSITIONS OF THEIR WORKER AND EMPLOYER REPS. SO FAR, THEY HAVE HAD LITTLE SUCCESS IN ACHIEVING THIS BUT, SHOULD THEY SUCCEED IN SUBJECTING THEIR WORKER AND EMPLOYER REPS TO G-77 CAUCUS, EROSION OF TRIPARTITISM IN ILO WOULD REACH TERMINAL STAGE. DE ALWIS' REMARKS PROBABLY REFLECT DISAPPOINTMENT WITH THE INDEPENDENT ROLE PLAYED BY WORKERS AND EMPLOYERS AT THE WORLD EMPLOYMENT CONFERENCE AND THEY ARE CERTAINLY ANOTHER INDICATION OF HIS DESIRE TO ENTRENCH HIMSELF AS THE SPOKESMAN FOR G-77 IN ILO.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: THAT DEPT TAKE ACTION RECOMMENDED PARA FOUR REF A. WE FEEL DE ALWIS PROBABLY IS NOT SPEAKING UNDER INSTRUCTIONS FROM HIS GOVERNMENT AND THAT HE PROBABLY DOES NOT HAVE SIGNIFICANT SUPPORT IN THE G-77. HOWEVER, HIS ATTEMPT TO ACT AS G-77 SPOKESMAN CAN ONLY BE A MINUS FOR U.S. POLICY IN ILO AND WE FEEL THE TIME HAS COME TO CLIP HIS WINGS. CATTO

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